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SUBJ: INFORMATION REGARDING THE POLITICAL STATUS OF CHOU-EN-LAI

A DAUGHTER NOW LIVING IN THE US OF TUNG CHU-CHUN (5516/4554/0689), A WOMAN MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE (THE COUNTERPART OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NPC), RECENTLY ARRIVED IN HK AFTER A LONG VISIT WITH HER MOTHER IN PEKING. THE DAUGHTER TOLD A US CONGENOFF, A LONG-TIME ACQUAINTANCE, THAT HER MOTHER, WHO IS ACTIVE IN CPPCC FUNCTIONS, COMMENTING ABOUT POLITICAL TENSIONSIN CHINA, HAD SAID THAT AS LATE AS LAST DECEMBER ADMIRERS AND SUPPORTERS OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI WERE MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT CHOU COMING UNDER POLITICAL ATTACK FROM LEFTISTS AND OF POSSIBLE CHAOTIC CONSEQUENCES. TUNG IMPLIED THAT WHILE THE CONVENING OF THE NPC HAD VASTLY IMPROVED POLITICAL STABILITY, THERE WERE STILL POLITICAL REASONS FOR CHOU TO STAY IN HOSPITAL.

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